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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 849

By Buck

A RESOLUTION to commend Representative Robb Robinson for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to our exemplary colleagues who, during their respective tenures in the General Assembly, have performed their elected duties with remarkable dexterity and unprecedented devotion, and whose professionalism serves as a benchmark for present and future legislators; and

WHEREAS, Robb Robinson is one such remarkable public servant, a voice of integrity, who has served as a member of the House of Representatives for 30 years; and

WHEREAS, his remarkable career as a legislator will come to a close at the adjournment sine die of the 101st General Assembly, as he has announced his retirement from this Body; and

WHEREAS, the longtime chairman of the House Transportation Committee, Robb Robinson began his meritorious service in the Tennessee House of Representatives during the 87th General Assembly, and he has distinguished himself as an astute and adroit leader in the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious tenure, Chairman Robinson has been attentive to and supportive of the needs of his constituents in particular and the people of the State of Tennessee in general as a member of the House Labor and Consumer Affairs Committee, for two terms; the House State and Local Government Committee, serving one of his two terms on the committee as vice chairman; the House Agriculture Committee, for one term; the House Conservation and Environment Committee, for seven terms; the House Finance, Ways, and Means Committee, for five terms; as Chairman of the House Transportation Committee for thirteen terms; and the House Calendar and Rules Committee for fourteen terms; and

WHEREAS, he has also served on numerous special committees to study many diverse public policy issues, from homelessness to asbestos and mass transit; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Robinson is also the author of Tennessee's present seat-belt law; and

WHEREAS, his excellent service in the realm of public safety has been recognized by the American Coalition for Traffic Safety, which bestowed upon him the National Award for Buckle Up America, in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Robinson's outstanding success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, the 51st House District has been well represented by this astute and dedicated legislator, as he has served in every capacity with acumen, industry, and humanity; and

WHEREAS, born the son of Worrick Gale and Maude Hadley Robinson, in Old Hickory, Davidson County, Robb Robinson grew up attending the primary and secondary schools of Nashville, and graduated from Nashville's East High School; and

WHEREAS, Robb Robinson bravely served his country for over three years in the United States Army during World War II in the European Theater of Operations; he received the

American Theater Ribbon, the European-Asiatic-Mediterranean Theater Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Victory Medal for his meritorious military service; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Robinson is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, this acclaimed businessman serves as President of the Hermitage Explosives Corporation and as President and Chairman of the Board of Phillips-Robinson Company Funeral Home; and

WHEREAS, an exceptional asset to his community and to the entire state of Tennessee, Robb Robinson is a valuable member of the Al Menah Shrine, the Jere Baxter Masonic Lodge #742, the East Nashville Exchange Club, the American Legion, the Nashville, Madison, Donelson-Hermitage, and Old Hickory chambers of commerce, and the Funeral Directors Association; he is a former president of the Madison Civic Club, and the past president and founder of the Tennessee Gasoline Dealers Association; and

WHEREAS, Robb evinces his religious faith as a member of the First Church of the Nazarene in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Robinson and his lovely wife, Sarah, make their home in Old Hickory; he is the proud father of five children and loving grandfather of eight; and

WHEREAS, Robb Robinson is the perfect example of a person totally committed to his family and the highest ideals of public service; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that his friends and colleagues should honor this outstanding public servant, recognize his numerous accomplishments and contributions to our great state and bid him a fond farewell; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Chairman Robb

Robinson for his outstanding service to Tennessee and the good people of the 51st House District, as we honor him upon his distinguished career as a member of this General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to Robb our best wishes for every continued success and happiness in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.